

REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, which was erroneously issued in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/988,573 (hereinafter "the '573 application") and was subsequently made correctly of record in the subject Application No. 09/988,572 by the Communication dated April 14, 2003.

Claims 1 to 15 and 31 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of their rejection, and new Claims 32 to 42 have been added. Claims 32 to 42 correspond to Claims 40 to 50 in the '573 application, which were identified as Group III in parent application No. 08/902160. These claims are being cancelled from the '573 application.

Examination of new Claims 32 to 42 is requested. Each of the claims includes at least the feature a computer at a remote location from a factory connected to the Internet, to allow access by industrial equipment at the factory to a database storing information concerning the industrial equipment.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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